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News Release

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RURITANS HOLD HONORARY BLOOD DRIVE

EAST BEND, May 29, 2007 - The East Bend Ruritans will host an honorary blood drive for fellow Ruritan member and blood recipient, Glendon Wooten on Saturday, June 9, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the East Bend Senior Center, located at 473 East Main Street in East Bend.

Wooten is a multi-gallon donor that gave for years at Western Electric and Forbush High School. Wooten's total donation was thirteen gallons of blood before he was considered ineligible to donate because of a health condition. He has been a member of the Ruritans since 1990. Wooten's wife, Ruth, is also a member and secretary of the East Bend Ruritans. Both are members of Stony Knoll United Methodist Church.

Donors will also be eligible for a drawing for one of two \$750 gas cards. This promotion will continue at all American Red Cross blood drives and centers until the end of June.

Please contact Dan Cornelius at 961-6416 or a member of the East Bend Ruritans for more information or to schedule an appointment.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross has helped people mobilize to help their neighbors for 125 years. Last year, victims of a record 72,883 disasters, most of them fires, turned to the nearly 1 million volunteers and 35,000 employees of the Red Cross for help and hope. Through more than 800 locally supported chapters, more than 15 million people each year gain the skills they need to prepare for and respond to emergencies in their homes, communities and world. Almost 4 million people give blood—the gift of life—through the Red Cross, making it the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The Red Cross helps thousands of U.S. service members separated from their families by military duty stay connected. As part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, a global network of more than 180 national societies, the Red Cross helps restore hope and dignity to the world's most vulnerable people. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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